



1 Different Magistrate Judges were/are assigned to the actions (Magistrate Judge Cooke to *Riker*  
2 and Magistrate Judge Cobb to the instant matter). However, plaintiff articulates no rationale why the  
3 case should be re-assigned to Judge Cooke.

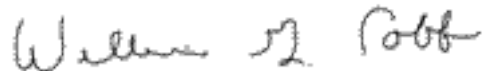
4 Plaintiff recognizes the court cannot consolidate a pending case to one which is closed. (Doc.  
5 #83 at 5.) However, plaintiff claims “you can use one case as a reference for another case, especially  
6 one as parallel as *Riker* and *McCabe*.” (*id.*). Plaintiff does not clearly define what he means about one  
7 case being used as a “reference” for another. Nevertheless, the court does not have to reach that issue.  
8 The purpose of LR 7-2.1, assuming certain cases are “related,” is not to determine whether one may  
9 be used “as a reference for another” (or even whether they should be consolidated). Instead, the intent  
10 of the local rule is to determine whether related cases should be assigned to one specific judge.

11 Therefore, plaintiff’s “Notice” (and/or motion) (Doc. # 78) is **DENIED**. It should be noted  
12 the court expresses no opinion on whether the *Riker* case and the instant matter are “related.”

13 Defendant’s Motion/Opposition (Doc. # 79) is **DENIED as moot**.

14 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

15 DATED: February 1, 2012.

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18 WILLIAM G. COBB  
19 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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